towards a modified Most Favoured Nation regime. In the transit field, His Majesty's Government of Nepal sought the continuance of the earlier treaty on this subject. Government of India wish to seek a unified Trade and Transit treaty.

Defects found in the manufacture of Boeing aircraft

1877. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the defects found in the manufacture of Boeing aircraft in a survey conducted in the the U.S.A. ; and

(b) if so, what is the safety check up carried out by the Government on Boeing planes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Federal Aviation Administration issues air-worthiness directives from time to time for removing defects found in Boeing aircraft. Recently Airworthiness Directives calling for visual inspection as well as high frequency eddy current inspection of B-737 aircraft and Airworthiness Directives requiring inspection of engine fire detection/extinguishing system of all Boeing model aircraft manufactured after 31st December, 1980 were issued which were made mandatory by the Indian DGCA. Indian Airlines and Air-India have complied with these directives so far as their Boeing 737 and 747 Combi-aircraft are concerned.

Signing of Mou with Switzerland on criminal matters

1878. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Statesmen on 19-3-89 to the effect that the changed affairs of the Swiss Embassy here has said that India had not yet made any request for help from Switzerland under the recently concluded Memorandum of Understanding on mutual assistance on criminal matters ;

(b) whether India propose to find out the names of the actual recipients of the Bofors payments in the Howitzer deal and also the amounts so paid ;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which a formal request in this regard has not yet been made under the recently signed MOU with Switzerland ; and

(d) what the steps are proposed to be taken now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A domarcho has already been made by the Government of India in the form of a letter regatory which has been handed over to the Swiss Department of Justice and Police.

Delimitation of maritime zone with Bangladesh and Pakistan

1879. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has proposed

delimitation of maritime zone with Bangladesh and Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) India has conveyed its willingness to Bangladesh to resume discussions on the delimitation of the maritime boundary. Bangladesh's response is awaited.

It is proposed to enter into negotiations with Pakistan in the near future on the delimitation of the India-Pakistan maritime boundary.

Workers of PWI office of Dehra Dun Division

1880. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the workers of PWI office of Dehra Dun Division have been screened;

(b) if so, how many workers have been screened till date ;

(c) whether it is obligatory that persons who have worked for more than 1500 days in the trade of Gangmen have to be confirmed in the respective grades ;

(d) by when other persons would be screened ; and

(e) what is the criteria for screening of workers and what are the reasons for not screening of all the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) The information in respect of PWI/Dehra Dun is being collected from the Northern Railway and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Incidentally, Dehra Dun is not a Division and it is a part of Moradabad Division.

Financial assistance to the States for implementing Central Government scales for schools teachers

1881. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial assistance to the States is provided for two years for implementing U.G.C. scales for college and university teachers ;

(b) if reply to part (a) above be in affirmative, whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to the States to meet the expenditure involved in implementing central pay scales for the school teachers; and

(c) if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) For the pay revision of university and college teachers in the States, effective from 1-1-86, the Central Government has decided to provide financial assistance to the extent of 80% of the additional expenditure to the State Governments till 31-3-1990.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Train halted at Kanpur by the textiles workers

1882. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that train communication across Kanpur Junction was halted by the textiles